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C O N F I D E N T I A L BERLIN 2119

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE GDR EFFORT TO INCORPORATE EAST BERLIN

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1. WHILE WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING FURTHER ABOUT GDR
INTENTION INCORPORATE FORMALLY EAST BERLIN INTO GDR,
POSSIBILITY OF SUCH GDR ACTION CANNOT BE EXCLUDED. WITH
ALMOST HUNDRED FOREIGN EMBASSIES NOW ESTABLISHED IN EAST
BERLIN, GDR MAY FEEL TIME HAS COME TO ELIMINATE VESTIGES
OF SPECIAL STATUS OF THEIR "CAPITAL". SOVIETS, FOR THEIR
PART, HAVE CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED GDR CLAIM TO SOVEREIGNTY
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OVER EAST BERLIN, ASSERTING THAT QA COVERS ONLY WESTERN

SECTORS. IN ADDITION, SOVIETS AND GDR MAY ALSO BE ASSUMING ALLIED AND FRG UNWILLINGNESS TO TAKE ANY ACTION THAT WOULD CREATE TENSIONS IN THIS AREA AT THIS TIME.

2. AS DEPARTMENT POINTS OUT, INCORPORATION OF EAST BERLIN INTO GDR COULD ENTAIL OTHER ACTIONS AFFECTING ALLIED RIGHTS, INCLUDING DENIAL OF ALLIED ACCESS TO EAST BERLIN. ANY GDR/SOVIET DECISIONS ON THIS MATTER ONCE TAKEN AND ANNOUNCED WOULD BE DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE TO REVERSE. THEREFORE, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT ALLIES NOT REPEAT NOT AWAIT FAIT ACCOMPLI BUT RATHER TAKE STEPS TO FORESTALL SUCH ACTION, PREFERABLY BY BRINGING RUMOR TO SOVIET ATTENTION AND POINTING OUT THAT, IF TRUE, IT WOULD CONSTITUTE SERIOUS UNILATERAL CHANGE IN SITUATION. SUCH WARNING MIGHT ALSO INCLUDE POINT THAT INCORPORATION OF EAST BERLIN INTO GDR WOULD INEVITABLY PROVOKE RENEWED AND INCREASED PRESSURE FOR CLOSER WEST BERLIN-FRG TIES.

3. GIVEN SOVIET PROCLIVITY FOR COMPLAINTS TO ALLIES ON BASIS OF TENUOUS INFORMATION, WE BELIEVE ALLIES SHOULD HAVE NO COMPUNCTION ABOUT APPROACHING SOVIETS EVEN WITH NO HARDER EVIDENCE THAN FRENCH REPORT. APPROACH WOULD HAVE TO BE CAREFULLY PHRASED AND SHOULD BE MADE IN ADVANCE OF DECEMBER 19. KLEIN

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